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THE EFFECT OF THE 15th AMENDMENT TO THE POLLS.

The total vote of the New England States will be affected but little by the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment, with the exception of Connecticut. That State will probably gain some fifteen hundred votes, judging from the census of 1860, which gave the number of colored people there as 8,021. In some of the Northern States, where the result of elections has been close, the colored voters will hold the balance of power. In New York the Negro population is 40,000, in New Jersey 25,000, Ohio 36,673; Pennsylvania, 30,049; Indiana, 11,239; the voting portion of which, it will be seen, make important changes in the elections. At the South their strength at the polls may be judged from the following figures of the last census:

White	Colored
Alabama 120,371	487,770
Arkansas 111,209	217,827
California 121,209	217,827
Florida 121,209	217,827
Georgia 121,209	217,827
Illinois 121,209	217,827
Indiana 121,209	217,827
Iowa 121,209	217,827
Kansas 121,209	217,827
Kentucky 121,209	217,827
Louisiana 121,209	217,827
Massachusetts 121,209	217,827
Michigan 121,209	217,827
Minnesota 121,209	217,827
Mississippi 121,209	217,827
Missouri 121,209	217,827
Montana 121,209	217,827
Nebraska 121,209	217,827
Nevada 121,209	217,827
New Hampshire 121,209	217,827
New Jersey 121,209	217,827
New Mexico 121,209	217,827
New York 121,209	217,827
North Carolina 121,209	217,827
Ohio 121,209	217,827
Oklahoma 121,209	217,827
Oregon 121,209	217,827
Pennsylvania 121,209	217,827
Rhode Island 121,209	217,827
South Carolina 121,209	217,827
South Dakota 121,209	217,827
Texas 121,209	217,827
Vermont 121,209	217,827
Virginia 121,209	217,827
Washington 121,209	217,827
West Virginia 121,209	217,827
Wisconsin 121,209	217,827
Wyoming 121,209	217,827

These figures are to be taken with a liberal allowance for incorrectness. The war and the immense change involved in emancipation have unquestionably affected the annual increase and total of the colored race at the South. A greater change, however, has been made in their distribution among the several States, a general movement having sprung up from the more Northern to the Gulf States, and from the interior to the coast. States—There is no question that nearly every Southern State will have its political destinies controlled by the colored vote.

How that vote will be thrown seems clear enough for the present, whatever changes the future may have in reserve. The very fact that but for the persistent efforts of the Republican party, the Negroes would have no voice to give is decisive as to which party shall receive them. It is not to be supposed that the Republicans remain true to their principles in the great war period. The colored vote will always be useful as a monument to remind the Republican party of its record in behalf of equal rights, and as an inducement to continue true to the lowly and the defenseless, and to be governed ever by the highest moral motives. Individual influence will be apt to unsaid many colored voters to sustain their oppressors in the past and their doubtful friends now, but the masses have shown their capacity to distinguish between parties in peace as well as they did in war. The time, indeed, may arrive when all the issues affecting freedom and equal rights may become obsolete, and questions of finance and expediency may take their place as the rallying cry of parties. In that event it will be natural and desirable that the colored voters should merge themselves indistinguishably with the rest of the American citizens in the discharge of their duties at the polls.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The Tariff Bill discussion in Congress seems a little nearer the end. For weeks and weeks the merits and demerits of a protective tariff have been turned over and over in the House of Representatives with a persistent monotony unknown to any other bill. For weeks and weeks, carrying along some of the most ponderous machinery of the Congress, it has gone on in perpetual motion and turning over the same old matter for posterity which posterity will have sense enough to avoid.

What will be the result? Will it bring relief to the overburdened shoulders of the people?

The arguments which have weighted the speeches on both sides of the question may be condensed into a few paragraphs. The protectionists claimed that the natural and inevitable results of the system which they advocate are, first, eventually to cheapen the articles protected by stimulating rivalry and competition at home; second, to improve the condition of the working classes by enabling the payment of better wages; and, third, to benefit the agricultural interests by the creation of local markets through the building up of manufacturing establishments. These three positions the free traders and those who do not class themselves as such, but who favor a tariff for revenue purposes merely, combated and denied. They showed that the prices of protected articles had all increased under the influence of high tariff, and that that increase was so much bounty extorted from the consumers for the benefit of home capitalists and monopolists, that the condition of the working classes was not improved, but made worse, inasmuch as the increase of wages had not kept pace with the increase in the cost of the necessities of life, and inasmuch as many great branches of industry, such as shipbuilding, were utterly paralyzed through the effects of the high tariff, and that the migratory benefit to the agricultural interests was all moonshine, as proved by statistics of prices of produce under high and under low tariffs, the price being not only relatively but absolutely lower under the former than under the latter.

These were the arguments pro and con, with variations more or less of importance. To say that they affected the mind of a legislative listener to an extent to induce him to change the vote which he had intended to give would be to show ignorance of the purpose and effect of Congressional debate. Speeches are never made with any hope of winning over converts from the opposite ranks and never have such an effect. For all practical purposes debate might as well be abolished in Congress and business hurried up under the spur of the previous question, as is indeed done to a pretty considerable extent. As to enlightening public opinion on important questions, that may be safely left to the newspapers.

But at last the patient, long-suffering, long-enduring Committee of Ways and Means has let down the gauntlet, stopping the further flow of eloquence in that direction. All this general talk upon the bill was merely preliminary to the actual conflict which has just commenced in discussing and acting upon its clauses for amendment—that stage where arguments for and against propositions are confined to five minutes. That is the practical stage of the question, and a very few minutes will be afforded by it as to the fate that awaits the bill.

When Maine entered the Union her population was 600,000. In the past century it has more than doubled, being now about 1,000,000. In the present time she has not advanced more than 100,000 of her people. According to her census of 1860 there were then living on her soil 139,784 natives of Maine in other States and Territories of the Union. About 4,000 were residing in Massachusetts, while only 50 had found homes in South Carolina.

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Connecticut Election!

English Dem. Probably Elected Governor.

THE REPUBLICANS CARRY THE LEGISLATURE.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 4.

The election is proceeding quietly in this city and vicinity. There is less noise and excitement than usual. The Committees of both parties are doing their best to get out their voters. The storm which has been increasing severely since morning and has turned to snow, is certainly not favorable to the Republicans as their machines in the country to-morrow, where their greatest strength lies, will very likely be affected by it. The polls do not close until five (5) o'clock in any of the towns and no figures can yet be given.

The indications are that English is elected, though few returns are yet received from Windham and Litchfield Counties, where the Republicans were hoped for, but where the storm would most likely affect the Republican vote. The Democrats will make gains in both Houses of the Legislature and possibly carry the Senate.

The following returns have been received from New Britain—Jewell 739, English 739, Bristol—Jewell, 322, English, 401.

LATRO—So far as the returns have been received, the indications are that the State is very close. The returns received indicate a loss of 122 in 18 towns, mostly in Hartford County. The weather has been unfavorable to the Republicans.

HARTFORD, April 4.—Midnight.

From present appearances the Senate will stand 11 Republicans to 10 Democrats and the House will be Republican, apparently, by a small majority. The roads are so bad that the returns come in slowly. The English majority is 424. There are 30 towns to hear from next day. There are 80 towns to hear from next day.

PORT FORTY CANNERS—SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, April 4.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the order of arrangements to be observed in the memorial services in honor of the late Major General George H. Thomas, which have been agreed upon by the presiding officers of both Houses.

It provides for a meeting of Senators and Representatives in the Hall of the House on Tuesday evening and the appointment of a joint committee of six Senators and seven Representatives to attend the funeral.

The G-organ will attend the funeral. Mr. Stewart moved to strike out the bug horn amendment.

Mr. Watson offered a resolution authorizing the continuation of the present Legislature for two years from its organization in January last, provided that the clause of the Constitution which prohibits the Legislature from exercising its powers after the expiration of its term be amended so that it shall read: "The Legislature shall not exercise its powers after the expiration of its term."

Mr. Willey opposed the bill. The discussion was continued by Messrs. Salisbury, Thurston, and Howard and Wilson, all of whom are in favor of the bill.

Mr. Howard spoke against the bill, and said that it was a violation of the Constitution. He said that the Constitution provided that the Legislature should not exercise its powers after the expiration of its term.

Several bills and resolutions were presented and referred.

A bill was passed by a vote of 114 to 40 fixing the time for the session of Representatives and Delegates to Congress for the States and Territories on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1872, and every second year thereafter.

Mr. Johnson of Ind. presented a joint resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States by adding to article 16, sec. 1 the right of Congress to the United States shall not be deemed to be a violation of the United States or any State on account of sec. 22 Congress shall have power to enforce the laws by appropriate legislation.

Mr. Banks of Mass. moved to amend the rule so as to put on its passage the Senate resolution for the appointment of an examiner of claims for the Department of the Interior, and the conduct of Captain Ryer, with a view of ascertaining the responsibility of the disaster, and report the same to Congress.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Logan of Ill., Garfield of O., Banks of Mass., Slocum of N. Y., Washburn of Wis., Randall of Pa., and Cohen of Tenn. to attend the funeral of General Tross.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the bill, and adjourned without any definite action.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

WASHINGTON, April 4.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs, this morning considered the bill for the reduction of the army, and will probably report as a substitute for the House bill the same title.

It is claimed that Mr. Wilson's bill provides for saving of while Mr. Logan's bill increases the expenditures for army purposes, three millions.

The Committee on Ways and Means have agreed to strike out of the tariff bill the following items:

On vessels of cast iron not otherwise provided for, and on hand rones, Tanners' and Hatters' rones, stents and stove plates of cast iron, 10 cents per pound.

On gas, iron, steam, gas or water pipes 15 cents per pound.

On all other castings of iron not otherwise provided for, 35 cents ad valorem.

Thus will leave the duty on these items the same, as under the present law, which is considerably less than those rates.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

New York, April 4.

Money fairly active today at 6 per cent on foreign Exchange market. A day based on 100.

American gold closed at 111 1/2. Government securities closed at the following quotations:

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